

2020 CHARLES E. SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE BOSTON/BROOKLINE

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Funded by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research, the Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model. Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years.

Strategies, Outcomes, and Funding Allocation*

Total Funding: \$1,844,683

Strategies	Outcomes		Funding Allocation
Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention	960 Received Case Management Services	513 Received Street Outreach Services	\$626,286
Community Mobilization	3,008 Community Members Attended Events, Meetings, & Presentations	282 Community Events, Meetings, & Presentations Held	\$167,646
Education & Employment	1,271 Participated in Education Programs	572 Participated in Employment Programs	\$431,027
Positive Youth Development & Recreation	1,840 Participated in Youth Development Programs	2,143 Participated in Recreation Programs	\$313,784
Suppression	1,516 Hot Spot Patrols Completed	264 Law Enforcement Supported Home Visits	\$305,940

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Shannon CSI programs may have adjusted programming options (e.g., reduced numbers served to meet restrictions, remote programming) and/or shifted funding allocations.

Youth Risk Assessments

24% LOW-RISK*	Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.
54% MODERATE-RISK*	Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as truancy.
22% HIGH-RISK*	Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

* % of youth assessed for risk; responses in risk assessment may have been impacted by changes in context due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Success Highlight

"A participant was referred to MJE by their case worker and we provided case management and social-emotional support. The participant was homeless and was gang-affiliated. We were able to assist them in finding employment and temporary housing. The participant regularly participates in workshops and has completed the HiSet in hopes to enroll in college. The participant is no longer in the gang and has reconnected with their family."
~Mothers for Justice and Equality

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To learn more visit: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/shannon-community-safety-initiative-csi>

Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts

Boston

Brookline

Total Population (2019 Estimate)	6,892,503	612,600	59,121
Population Lives in Poverty	9.4%	20.2%	11.9%
Unemployment Rate	8.0%	9.3%	5.0%
Total School Population (2019-20)	983,058	72,811	8,448
Economically Disadvantaged	36.6%	63.0%	10.8%
High School Dropout Rate	1.8%	4.2%	0.5%

Sources: www.census.gov/quickfacts; profiles.doe.mass.edu/; www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/

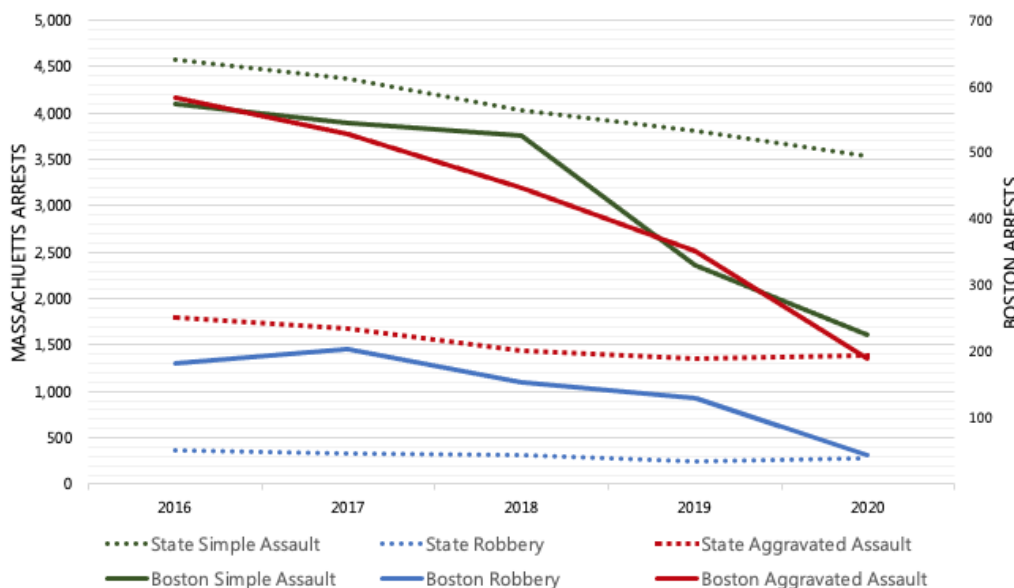
Gang Activity in Boston

102
Street Gangs

738
Gang Members
Under 25

During 2020, the Boston Police Department identified 102 active gangs. Boston Police Gang and Intelligence Officers classified 738 individuals between the ages of 14 and 24 as gang-involved. This intelligence was gathered through self-identification, field reports, arrest records, and collaboration with street workers, violence interrupters, Department of Corrections, parole, clergy and other community-based organizations. Neighborhoods most affected by youth and gang violence included Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan.

5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2016-2020



Changes in Crime for Young People Ages 10-24, 2016-2020

Simple assaults (2016-2019) in...

- Massachusetts decreased 23%
- Boston decreased 59%

Robberies in...

- Massachusetts decreased 24%
- Boston decreased 77%

Aggravated assaults in...

- Massachusetts decreased 22%
- Boston decreased 68%

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